

THE CITY OF WHEELER, OREGON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
Statement of Goals and Policies

GOAL 3: AGRICULTURAL LANDS

INTRODUCTION:

Wheeler does not include agricultural lands but has, both in history and vision, supported the community's need to provide food for itself and its members who are less fortunate. As a result of the Vision a community garden has been developed at a low cost to participants and policies have been enacted that allow citizens to provide for their own sustenance. Supporting local and sustainable agriculture in our region is strongly supported by the community and will continue to be a priority into the foreseeable future.

GOAL: To preserve and maintain agricultural lands.

POLICIES:

1. While Oregon Statewide Planning Goal 3 Agricultural Lands does not apply within the Urban Growth Boundary and Wheeler does not have agricultural zoned lands within its boundaries, the City supports and encourages City and countywide efforts to:
  - a. Support community and county goals to sustain agriculture in all its forms as a viable and thriving industry in Tillamook County;
  - b. Work with diverse partners to sustain agricultural lands;
  - c. Through policy create incentives, conditional uses, and other strategies to allow commercial food production within the City and UGB;
  - d. Continue to support policies and ordinances that allow residents opportunities to keep poultry and grow food producing plants such as:
    - i. Reductions in fees and licenses; and
    - ii. Allow residents reasonable watering provisions for food producing gardens during drought.
  - e. Increase local and countywide private and community gardens and food production opportunities;
  - f. Decrease food insecurity in the city and county through the increase of local sustainable food production;

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- g. Continue to increase support of community food banks:
  - i. Increase the amount of locally produced food donations and consumption; and increase support of efforts to utilize local natural food sources and decrease food waste.
  
- h. Support implementation of a farm to school food programs:
  - i. Support distribution systems to supply fresh locally produced foods to students and staff in area schools; and
  - ii. Promote sustainable farming through support of educational programs to teach gardening, farming and other skills to local youth.
  
- i. Work with other government and community organizations to sustain, preserve, and support local agriculture in all of its forms including family farms, dairy, meat, poultry and other food producing enterprises.